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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Delbert Blair, who passed away at the age of 82; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Delbert Blair was born on February 13, 1934 in Chicago; his parents were George and Dorothy Blair; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Delbert Blair attended Chicago public schools, including Englewood High School, and earned his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Roosevelt University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Delbert Blair began his career as a regional salesperson for the Wrigley Gum Company; sensing a different life calling for himself, he began attending lectures on African history and metaphysics; after a meeting with two men while at a conference sponsored by famous astrophysicist Carl Sagan, he decided to devote his time to historical and metaphysical research and began forming and teaching classes throughout Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Delbert Blair lectured throughout the United States and the world; he spoke at many conferences, including "The Meeting of the Masters" in Atlanta, Georgia, and at

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1 numerous universities, including the University of Southern  
2 California, Penn State University, Michigan State University,  
3 the University of Illinois, and Tuskegee University, among many  
4 others; he was the recipient of numerous honorary degrees from  
5 many of the institutions he visited; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Delbert Blair was a guest speaker on many  
7 radio shows throughout the nation, speaking on numerous  
8 scientific topics; he also hosted his own show, "Metaphysics  
9 Speaks!", where he interviewed many famous subjects, including  
10 the Minister Louis Farrakhan, Baba Dick Gregory, Maurice White,  
11 and Oscar Brown, Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Delbert Blair was preceded in death by his  
13 wife, Marsha Ross Blair; his son, Darnell Blair; and his  
14 mother; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Delbert Blair is survived by his son, Arvel  
16 Blair; his daughter-in-law, Gayla Blair; his grandchildren,  
17 Bronson, Nia, and Aja Blair; his stepdaughter, Angela Harris;  
18 his grandsons, Marshawn and Markelle Blair; and his ex-wife,  
19 Annie Blair Johnson; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
22 family and friends, mourn the passing of Dr. Delbert Blair; and

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2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Dr. Delbert Blair as an expression  
4 of our sympathy.